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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 29 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	3932nd meeting	Security Council Chamber
Morning*	3933rd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations
Report of the Secretary-General (S/1998/883)

* Following the adjournment of the 3932nd meeting.

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION (UNSCOM)

Sixteenth session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed session	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed session	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY*Fifty-third session*

10 a.m.

19th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Malta

Togo

Syrian Arab Republic

Azerbaijan

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Fiji

Turkmenistan

Sudan

2. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/389) [16 (b)].

3 p.m.

20th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Nepal

Samoa

Saudi Arabia

Mauritania

Benin

Hungary

Andorra

Afghanistan

Barbados

Kenya

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/53/37, A/53/C.6/WG.1/CRP1 and CRP.2

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Guidelines for internal control standards

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the New York Liaison Office of UNCTAD will hold an informal briefing on agenda items 91(b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries) and (d)

(External debt crisis and development) *today*, 29 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. The briefing will address the index report called for in General Assembly resolution 52/179 and the Secretary-General's reports on the net transfer of resources (A/53/228), on global financial flows and on external debt. Copies of the relevant background information are available on the 21st floor of the DC2 building, in the elevator lobby. All delegations are invited to attend.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the bureau of the Commission *today*, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and is available at the offices of the Division (room DC2-1216).

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations is suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 29 September 1998

ARAB GROUP (at the ministerial level)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

*Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group
on the United Nations Reform and
Security Council Expansion*

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4
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JOINT MEETING OF THE AFRICAN GROUP AND THE ARAB GROUP

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 30 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.

21st PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Edison James, Prime Minister, Minister for External Affairs, Legal Affairs and Labour of the Commonwealth of Dominica

Jamaica

Bhutan

Cameroon

Iraq

Bolivia

Tajikistan

Saint Lucia

3 p.m.

22nd PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Senegal

Address by His Excellency Mr. Janez Drnovsek, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

Bahamas

Myanmar

Cape Verde

Uzbekistan

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Donald Kalpokas, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vanuatu

Zambia

Belarus

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT
TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION
COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/53/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977, tel.: 963-9223), as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1/Rev.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248, fax: 212-963-5935).

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its organization of work, and agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account), 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account and Death and disability), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and human resources management: Gratis personnel).

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to do so with the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (tel.: 212-963-0542, fax: 212-963-0360).

Briefing

Members of the Fifth Committee are invited to a special briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account (A/52/1009), to be held on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY*General debate*
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Fifth Committee (*on organizational matters of the Fifth Committee*) on Wednesday, 30 September, and on Thursday, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Seminars

A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Thursday, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

Briefings

There will be a briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Information will be provided on preparations for the meeting on "Partners for Development", organized by UNCTAD, to be held in Lyon (France) from 9 to 12 November 1998. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

On the occasion of the fortieth ratification of the Ottawa Mine Ban Treaty, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) will hold a press conference and a briefing on its work in the implementation of the Ottawa Treaty, on Thursday, 1 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Eminent speakers will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

A briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, which was adopted last November by the General Conference of UNESCO, will take place on Friday, 2 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will be given by Mme Noelle Lenoir, Member of the French Constitutional Council and Special Adviser to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Ethics of Science and New Technologies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold a briefing on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot, will brief participants on the experience of the United Nations Theme Groups on HIV/AIDS at country-level and on the United Nations reform aspects of UNAIDS. All Member and Observer States and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Friday, 25 September 1998***GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Fifty-third session

16th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H. E. Mr. Monie Captan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia, and H. E. Shaikh Mohamed Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain.

H. E. Mr. Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H. E. Mr. Andrei Gabriel Plesu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania; H. E. Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait; H. E. Mr. Rinchinnyamyn Amarjargal, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia; H. E. Mr. Surin Pitsuwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand; H. E. Mr. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassem bin Jabr Al-Thani, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Qatar; H. E. Ms. Andrea Willi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Culture, Youth and Sport of Liechtenstein, and H. E. Mr. Halldór Ásgrímsson, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Iceland.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representatives of the United States, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iraq, Cuba and Kuwait.

Statements in the exercise of the right of second reply were made by the representatives of the United States and Cuba.

Tentative programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/53/3 which contained a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings from 28 September to mid-October 1998.

*Monday, 28 September 1998***GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Fifty-third session

17th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkia, Minister for Foreign Affairs

of Brunei Darussalam; H. E. Dato' Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; H. E. Mr. Domingo Siazon, Jr., Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; H. E. Mr. Yousef Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Oman, and H. E. Mr. Shanmugam Jayakumar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore.

Address by H. E. The Hon. Said Musa, Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Finance of Belize

H. E. The Hon. Said Musa, Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Finance of Belize, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H. E. Mr. Gabriele Gatti, Minister for Foreign Affairs of San Marino and H. E. Mr. Said Ben Mustapha, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia.

18th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 18th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/187).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child**COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 1998

487th and 488th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Kuwait (CRC/C/8/Add.35).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use Stockpiling Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

*Ratification: Benin (25 September 1998)**

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of These Prescriptions. Geneva, 20 March 1958

*Accession: Japan (25 September 1998)**

International Coffee Agreement, 1994. 30 March 1994

*Ratification: Paraguay (24 September 1998)**

International Cocoa Agreement, 1993. Geneva, 16 July 1993

*Approval: European Union (28 September 1998)**

*Approval: Denmark (28 September 1998)**

*Ratification: Italy (28 September 1998)**

*Ratification: Greece (28 September 1998)**

*Ratification: Germany (28 September 1998)**

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Iceland (28 September 1998)

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Turkmenistan (28 September 1998)

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. 23 May 1997

Signature: Oman (28 September 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), will be held in the first basement of the Secretariat building as of today, 29 September, until 16 October 1998.

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